

CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

March 8, 2018

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Dentistry was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Dennis Anderson, DDS, Chairperson, in Conference Room LU#1, Nebraska State Office Building, located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Agenda was sent to the Board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The following members answered the roll call:

Dennis Anderson, DDS, Chairperson
Lisa Kucera, RDH, Vice-Chairperson
Cynthia Gaskill, RDH, Secretary
Yoshiharu Ameku, DDS
Charles Bauer, DDS
Dean Cope, DDS
Mary Sneckenberg
John Thomas, DMD

Absent: David Blaha, DDS
Gregory Thomas, JD

Also present were: Kathie Lueke, Program Manager; Ranae Underwood, Health Licensing Specialist; and Teresa Hampton, DHHS Attorney.

Anderson announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Kucera moved, seconded by Bauer to adopt the Agenda with the ability for the Chairperson to rearrange as necessary. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Bauer, Cope, Gaskill, Kucera, Sneckenberg, J. Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Blaha, G. Thomas. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL – NEW CREDENTIALS ESTABLISHED BY LB 18

Lueke explained that the Board had previously received a document identifying the sections within LB18 that designate elements of the bill which need to be approved by the board. Points of discussion and planned action were as follows:

- Juris prudence exam for Nebraska: Board members will review the pool of exam questions
- Simple and Complex restorations: Discussion confirmed the board's previous designation regarding testing and would provide definitions for draft regulations to further clarify simple and complex restorations. Dr. Ameku will provide definitions for draft regulations.

These minutes have not been reviewed or approved by the Board of Dentistry.

- Education specific to functions and permits: Education programs need to be approved by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, and tests for competency need to occur by the end of the course.
- Course contact hours: An extensive discussion on minimum hours that would be accepted for courses on various functions to be performed by dental assistants as a result of LB18, and the distribution of those hours between didactic and lab or clinical participation necessary to provide an acceptable level of competence. Specific recommendations will be made during the next board meeting.

Sneckenberg left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

REGULATIONS REVIEW – 172 NAC 53 and 172 NAC 57

Since the discussion above resulted in points of clarification and agreement needed related to minimum requirements for the board to approve education and course hours for functions performed by a licensed dental assistant, no further discussion on the draft regulations occurred at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Ameku moved, seconded by Cope, to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 p.m. Voting aye: Ameku, Anderson, Bauer, Cope, Gaskill, Kucera, J. Thomas. Voting nay: None. Absent: Blaha, Sneckenberg, and G. Thomas. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

(signature on file with the Department)

Cynthia Gaskill, RDH, Secretary
Board of Dentistry